

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6156

Petition of Calais Television to sell all right and title)
in Calais Television to the East Calais)
Communications Cooperative of East Calais,)
Vermont

Order entered: 3/14/2001

INTRODUCTION

On September 30, 1998, Katherine Bowen and Houghton Cate of the Calais Television system ("Calais system") in East Calais, Vermont, filed a petition for consent to sell the Calais system to the East Calais Communications Cooperative of East Calais, Vermont ("ECCC"). On November 13, 1998, we received notice from the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department") that additional information would be required in order for the Department to issue a recommendation on the proposed sale. On November 16, 1998, the Board received a supplemental filing from the ECCC containing information necessary to complete our review. On December 13, 1999, the Department notified the Board that it was recommending approval of the sale of Calais Television to ECCC and the revocation of Calais Television's Certificate of Public Good without the need for suspension, hearing and investigation.

FINDINGS

The petition and its accompanying documents support the following findings of fact, which are uncontested by any interested person.

1. The ECCC is a Vermont Corporation that currently provides cable television to certain residents in East Calais, Vermont. ECCC petition letter and attachments, dated November 13, 1998.
2. The ECCC is a non-profit organization and will serve fewer than 100 customers. Department letter dated December 13, 1999.

DISCUSSION

East Calais Communications Cooperative, Inc., and Calais Television have petitioned the Board to approve the purchase and sale of Calais Television of East Calais to the ECCC. Calais Television also requested transfer of its Certificate of Public Good. Certificates of Public Good,

however, cannot be transferred and we are therefore treating the request as a request for revocation of the existing CPG granted to Calais Television on June 23, 1975, in Docket No. 3843.

No party has opposed the sale. On the basis of the information presented, the Board concludes that ECCC meets the criteria set out in Public Service Board Rule 2.214 and in 30 V.S.A. Sec. 504, and that the CPG issued to Calais Television should be revoked and the sale of Calais Television to ECCC be approved.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that:

1. The sale of Calais Television to the East Calais Communications Cooperative is approved.
2. The Certificate of Public Good granted to Calais Television on June 23, 1975, is revoked.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 14th day of March, 2001.

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s/David C. Coen)	
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s/John D. Burke)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: March 14, 2001

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.